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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Applicant's amendment filed, 9/16/2004, has been entered and made of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The instant invention generally relates to an image transmitting system and storage medium.

Claim 17 representative of claims 18 and 20, providing an image transmitting system comprising an image server and a display terminal; said image server is provided with the capability of classifying image data according to predetermined subscription conditions and creating at least one folder for managing said image data, where said predetermined subscription conditions may be initiated from any computer.

The invention is novel due to display terminal specifies a subscription to a desired folder in image server and periodically checks image server for newly arrived image data saved in desired folder, and when newly arrived image data satisfying the predetermined subscriptions of desired folder has been stored in the image server, and either generates notification thereof and /or acquires said newly arrived image data.

The closest prior art of record (Inga) teaches retrieval systems for medical image data such as X-ray, includes image scanning and digitizing means, as well as image data storage and retrieval, and telecommunications for transmission to a remote display terminal. But do not suggest predetermined subscription conditions, specification procedures, and/or acquisition of notification.

These key features in combination with the other features of the claimed invention are neither taught nor suggested by the art of record.

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Claims 17-24 are allowed.

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